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### Boys' Kaffir Corn Contest

We want thirty boys to enter the Seward County Boys' Kaffir Corn Contest. The first prize, Free trip to the State Fair at Hutchinson, September 12 to 19, offered by the Kansas State Fair. Second Prize---Free trip to the State Farmers Institute at Manhattan, beginning December 29, offered by the Seward county Farmers Institute. The third prize \$4.00 cash offered by the Seward County, Farmer's Institute.

Each contestants must prepare the ground, plant and cultivate one acre of white kaffir corn, select twelve best heads and enter in the Boy's Contest Division of the South West Fair, Liberal 9 to 12.

If the ground is already prepared that will be very much better. And if the boy did not do

all of that work he can enter all the same.

A separate table will be provided for these exhibits at the South West Fair and exhibits will be judged by the Judge for the Agricultural exhibits.

Ages of those who participate shall be over thirteen and under twenty.

On account of the regulations made by the State Fair this contest will be open to boys from Seward county only. The officers in charge in the other counties will make provision for their boys.

The names and addresses of the boys must be in by May 15. The time is short. I will write to Sec'y. A. L. Sponsler for three days of grace. Just write me a postal card giving your name, age and address. Part of this information will be published in the

Southwest Fair catalogue.

John L. Boles,  
Secy. Farmers Institute

### Coning Events

Sunday afternoon at the base ball grounds, Guymon vs Liberal. Tuesday evening, High school play, the "End of the Rainbow." Baccalaureate sermon, May 17 at Christian church.

Sunday, May 24, Memorial Sermon, preached by Rev. Bolton at the Christian church.

High school commencement at Opera house, Thursday night, the 21st. W. Y. Morgan, of Hutchinson speaker.

Tonight, at Opera house, Annual May Festival.

Wednesday night, Alabama Minstrels. Under tent. Parade at noon.

Eight grade commencement is scheduled for last week of school, which ends 22nd of May.

County graduating exercises in June.

County normal begins June 1st.

### Alabama Minstrels

(Paris Daily Advocate, Paris, Texas, April 17.)

The Alabama Minstrels appeared last night on the FitzHugh lot under tent. The entertainment was one of the best that has been witnessed here in some time and the specialties were all good and very interesting. On account of the weather conditions the crowd was not as large as it would have been, but those present were well paid for their time and price of admission. "Little Willie" responded to a number of encores and was as clever as some of the old timers in his specialties. adv

F. S. Macy has been appointed Kansas and Oklahoma attorney for the D. M. Ferry Seed Co.

## CIMARRON RIVER HIGHEST ON RECORD

The Cimarron River is highest on Record---Much Inconvenience to Traffic

### CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

Work on the Bridges is Progressing as Fast as Possible

Thursday night a slow drizzling came and Friday morning, the weather report showed .61 of an inch had fallen. Friday a dashing rain flooded the streets and 1.89 inches fell. Friday night and Saturday mornin .74 inches of water brought the total to 2.81 of moisture which soaked the ground filled the buffalo wallows and flooded the low lands along the river.

Saturday morning all direct railroad connection and telegraph communication was cut off from Arkalon east and Optima, Oklahoma west.

Sunday after noon at Arkalon John Fredrick, night watchman at the Liberal Light and Power Co. fell off the bridge and nearly drowned.

Monday, while attempting to cross the river at the bridge, Tom Ward, a section hand was drowned when the waves literally churned him to death while he held to a rope which had been stretched across the river.

"Phillipians 4:8." "Whatsoever things are true; whatsoever things are honest; whatsoever things are just; whatsoever things are pure; whatsoever things are lovely; whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue; if there be any praise; think on these things."

May 2nd, 1914.

Winifred Kelton, Satanta, Kan.

"On Cimarron banks" This written message together with two religious tracts was taken from a bottle found by two men trying to put the telegraph lines across the river Sunday.

The bottle was brought to the bank and was broken open before a crowd gathered to see what it contained. Miss Kelton taught in this city several years ago and her message came that far since the time of its being cast in the river Saturday afternoon.

C. H. Leet of the Eureka Laundry was away attending a laundrymen's convention at Wichita and later visited in College View, Nebraska while the country was undergoing a change at the hands of the weather man. He started home and got as far on his way as Kismet when he could get no farther by rail. He was not daunted by a torrent of water between him and home. He just hired a team, and drove out to the Edmonds ranch swum the Cimarron river, and then walked to Chas. A. Sealey home and telephoned for conveyance to come and bring him to Liberal. Mr. Leet seemed none the worse for his adventure and the next day, Tuesday was about his usual work which he had left in management of his wife and his competent help. It is needless to say he returned several hours earlier than a lot of the others who wanted to get home but waited for other means than a water route.

Two children of Perry Bright, living ten miles north of Elkhart were drowned Saturday morning when the home was washed away

in the waters. The house was built on the banks of the Cimarron and inundated. Mr. Bright, his wife and one daughter escaped the torrent which reached the home about five o'clock Friday morning. The two children were sleeping up stairs in a story and a half house and the younger, about four was carried down stream in the structure. The older daughter, about fourteen ran to the window and her father called to her to jump which she did but the current carried her away from him after he had caught her.

Two houses were washed away which belonged to Mr. Bright. One was built on the banks but the one in which the family lived was about fifty feet from this one bank built. Every thing, improvements and some horses and mules were lost in the flood which came without a moments warning. Mr. Bright does not remember how he and his wife and one other child got out of the house. It is reported that the terrible catastrophe has almost unbalanced the mind of the father. The bodies of the children were recovered on Saturday and Sunday. The older child was found Sunday about fifteen miles down stream.

To Mrs. Henline at Arkalon, is to whom the Rock Island is indebted for saving the crew of a west bound freight. She heard a terrible roar and aroused the people about twelve o'clock Friday night. The people of Arkalon had been to the railroad bridge east of town earlier in the evening but had gone home little thinking that soon the bridge would be gone. Mrs. Henline aroused the men at home and then the people at the station were told of the bridge being washed away. Lanterns were hung on the bridge and the firing of guns was kept up until an answering signal from the train told the anxious watchers that their efforts had not been in vain that no human loss of life needed to be feared from the unwarned crew of men who could not possibly have checked speed if they had started down the hill at Arkalon.

The Seward county wagon

bridge, erected at the crossing at the Edmonb's ranch were out and only one single solitary pier marks the spon where once the structure erected last fall stood and spanned the crossing. The channel of the river at this place too has changes and the turbulent waters now go coursing down stream in a channel east of the place where the bridge was built.

### Directors and Committees of Fair.

The following are the directors elected and the officers appointed for the South West Fair Association.

#### Directors:

J. F. Funk, C. D. Gasaway, C. E. Woods, J. A. Black, W. E. Farmer, J. G. Ault, O. T. Wood, J. W. Baughman, C. M. Light, Joe Brison, John Boles.

Treasure C. E. Woods.

Secretary J. A. Black.

#### Executive board:

J. F. Funk, J. A. Black, John Boles, C. M. Light, O. T. Wood. Advertising committee: J. A. Black, Joe Brison, Chas. Light, J. W. Baughman.

#### Superintendents

Agricultural Department Seward county Fred Hoskinson and Warren Farmer; Stevens county Robert Smith and J. A. Kelley; Haskell county, Wm. Hide; Beaver county, Oklahoma, O. D. Nichols and Meade county, S. D. Elliot.

Poultry: T. W. Hubbard.

Horse Department: John Boles.

Cattle: C. M. Light.

Educational: F. O. Rindom.

Hogs and Sheep: E. C. Pyle.

Art. Mrs. J. F. Funk.

Textile: Mrs. C. D. Gasaway.

Dairy and Kitchen: Mrs. J. G. Ault.

Of Grounds: J. G. Ault.

Of Stalls and Concessions: C. D. Gasaway.

Of Grandstand and sale of tickets: Lee Larabee.

Of Gate and Tickets: C. E. Woods.

Of Quarter Stretch and tickets: O. T. Wood.

Of Speed Ring: J. F. Funk.

Entertainment and Traffic Managers: J. W. Baughman, Joe Trindle and L. V. Stevesson.

Marshall of Grounds: L. S. Wright.

Date of Fair, September 9, 10, 11 and 12.

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